कृषि मंत्रालय में ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रामानन्द यादव) : श्रीमान् मैं निम्नलिखित पत्रों की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखता हूं:—

(i) (क) 1985-86 के वर्ष के लिये पीपुल्स ऐक्शन फार डेवलपमेंट (इंडिया) नई दिल्ली का वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन और लेखापरीक्षित लेखे ।

(ख) सोसाइटी के कार्यकरण की सरकार द्वारा समीक्षा ।

(ग) ऊपर (क) में उल्लिखित पत्रों को सभा पटल पर रखने में हुये विलम्ब के कारणों को दर्शाने वाला विवरण । [पुस्तकालय में रखी गई (क) से (ग) के लिये देखिये सं० एल टी० 4931/87]

(ii) (क) अप्रैल, 1985 से अगस्त 1986 तक की अवधि के लिये ग्रामीण प्रौद्योगिकी विकास परिषद् नई दिल्ली का तीसरा वार्षिक प्रतिवेदन और लेखापरीक्षित लेखे ।

(ख) परिषद् के कार्यकरण की सरकार द्वारा समीक्षा ।

(ग) ऊपर (क) में उल्लिखित पत्रों को सभा पटल पर रखने में हुये विलम्ब के कारणों को दर्शाने वाला विवरण । [पुस्तकालय में रखी गई (क) से (ग) के लिये देखिये सं० एल० टी०-4930/87]

Coconut Development Board Recruitment (Amendment) Regulations, 1987

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 21 of the Coconut Development Board Act, 1979, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation) Notification G.S.R. No. 586, dated the 25th July, 1987, publishing the Coconut Development Board Recruitment (Amendment) Regulations, 1987. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—4932/87].

ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN

Notice received from the Supreme Court regarding petition filed by Shri Ram Dhan, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri Satya Pal Malik, MP, Rajya Sabha.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to inform the House that I have received a notice from the Supreme Court of India in connection with the transfer petition filed by the Union of India seeking transfer of a writ petition filed by Shri Ram Dhan, Member, Lok Sabha and Shri Satya Pal Malik, Member Rajya Sabha, wherein they have challenged the validity of the Constitution (Fifty-Second Amendment) Act, 1985, from the Delhi High Court to the Supreme Court.

As per our practice, we do not propose to respond to the notice or put in an appearance in the Court. I am passing on the relevant papers to the Minister of Law and Justice for taking such action as he may deem fit in the matter.

I hope the House agrees with this view.

SOME HON. MEMBERS : Yes.

SITUATION IN SRI LANKA

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, Mr. Murasoli Maran.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I thank you and other Opposition leaders here for giving me this opportunity to bring to the attention of this House, the Government and the Prime Minister the goings-on in Sri Lanka, the butchering of all the Tamils in Sri Lanka by the so-called Indian Peace Keeping Force.

Sir, it is shocking to the whole mankind, shocking not only to the Tamils in Tamil Nadu, but also to the Tamils living all over India and Indians living all over the world, and it is something unheard of, something not ever thought of, something un-Indian, something brutal, something uncivilized, which is going on there in Sri Lanka and

it is being perpetrated by our own, our own respected, armed forces. Sir, it is very shocking and, at the same time, very shameful. Why should our army go there? Your answer may be that it is because of the Rajiv-Jayewardene accord. But there is no provision for sending the army. I am the one who did not support that accord. Those who have supported the accord thought that the accord would be implemented by peaceful means. Of course, there is the sentence, "It would be underwritten by India, guaranteed by India" But it does not mean that you would be sending your powerful army there and killing the Tamils there.....(*Interruptions*) ..... Please bear with me, Sir, for a few minutes more.

Sir, whom are we fighting with ? Who is our enemy? That is the question for which we have to seek an answer. Sir, we fought in many wars. Sir, we all remember how in Bangladesh within a few weeks we captured about 95,000 Prisoners of War. No civilian was affected. No woman was killed. No child was killed. But here the civilians are being killed. I want to bring to the attention of this House only one fact. The Indian Peace Keeping Force did not warn....(*Interruptions*) The I.P.K.F. did not want two daily newspapers to be published. (*Interruptions*) Sir you,were an administrator. What would you do ? They bombed the newspaper office buildings. They razed it to the ground. Sir,....

MR. CHAIRMAN : We will discuss this later. At the present moment our agreement was for two minutes. It is now five .

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : I will just ....

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please sit down. It is not a question of Tamils alone. It is a question of the whole of India. And when people are killed, I can tell you the whole of India, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, is hurt; we are all hurt. Whenever any Indian or any person of Indian origin anywhere is hurt, whether he may be of LTTE or he may be of Peace Keeping Force. We will discuss this in cool at that time.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : I think by that time the whole race will be finished. The whole Tamil youth will be finished.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu) : Immediate cease-fire is needed.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : We can find a solution. This cease-fire should be there; the dirty war should come to an end It seems the Government is seeking to kill Mr. Prabhakaran and all the younger elements. They want to create a holocaust. It should be stopped. There should be a cease-fire.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Immediate cease-fire.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Therefore, I would request the Prime Minister through you, Sir,.... (*Interruption*) Mr. Jayewardene is here. What has he done regarding the implementation of the accord? Nothing. He has done nothing.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : They are celebrating the massacre.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Therefore, I request the Prime Minister, in the name of humanity, that there should be a cease-fire immediately and talks should be initiated. On this we want a statement from the hon. Prime Minister.

SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM (*Tamil Nadu*): The situation in Sri Lanka is highly explosive. The atrocity of our army against our own Tamil people is highly ...(*Interruption*) It is atrocity. You are taking the role of Jayewardene. (*Interruptions*) Why do you interfere ? I am not yielding to you, Sir, as far as the Anna-DMK is concerned, we are for the implementation of the accord. We are for the accord. There is no difference of opinion as far as the implementation of the accord is concerned. What is highly objectionable is that you cannot implement the accord at gun-point. Now there is an offer of cease-fire from the other side. Within 48 hours the LTTE group is prepared to surrender arms. What is the difficulty for the Peace Keeping Force to accept this offer ?

[Shri Aladi Aruna *alias* V. Arunachalam].

The Government has imposed two conditions. Firstly, they must surrender the arms and secondly the LTTE must accept the Accord. You compel a group to accept the Accord. It is highly imperialistic. It is highly colonial. That is why, on behalf of AIADMK, our Chief Minister, Dr. M. G. Ramachandran, repeatedly asked this Government to accept the ceasefire and negotiate with the LTTE. As mentioned by Mr. Murasoli Maran, presently the danger is that our Indian Army has planned to kill Mr. Prabhakaran. That is why it has designed and floated the rumour that there is a rift among the LTTE and a disappointed group of the LTTE has planned to kill Prabhakaran. For your information, there is no rift at all. It is designed, planned and engineered by the Peace Keeping Force. This Force will be responsible for the killing of Prabhakaran. That is why we request you to kindly ask the Minister to make a statement. It is a sensitive issue. It is a Tamil issue. It is the responsibilty of this House and the Government to protect the interests of Tamils.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The matter will come up before the House again. I want to repeat that it is not a Tamil issue. It is an Indian issue. It is an important question.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Let the Prime Minister come with a statement today.

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE (Madhya Pradesh): I entirely agree with you. That is why you should allow other Members also to speak on this. This should not be confined only to DMK and AIADMK.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is an Indian issue. One more word, if you permit me. Our Indian Army has a glorious tradition. In our anger let us not malign the Indian Army. It has been praised for its work anywhere in the world. You can blame the Government, but not the Indian Army. That is my request. It is up to you to agree or not.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): I am speaking on behalf of CPIM. It is not at all a Tamil issue. It is an issue concerning every Indian citizen. All of us are concerned about it. All of us are deeply anguished about the present situation in Sri Lanka. We welcomed the Agreement signed between the Sri Lankan Government and the Indian Government, but our Party expressed deep apprehensions that there may be so many obstacles in the implementation of the Accord. The present situation has taken a serious turn. From the very beginning, a section of the Sri Lankan Government was against the Accord and they were trying to sabotage it. The situation as it has developed has taken a colossal loss of life. There has been serious bloodshed. Our Military people as well as civilians are losing their lives in that island. This question should have been taken up on the very first day of our session. But the Government did not take it on the agenda today. I demand that this subject should be discussed at length. The Government of India took the consent of various militant groups including the LTTE. What was the understanding between the Government of India and the LTTE? The LTTE is raising so many objections. What is the understanding between Mr. Prabhakaran and the Prime Minister? All these things are coming up after the action of the Indian Peace Keeping Force. What is the feeling among the Tamils? Are they supporting this action? Only military action will not solve the problem. We should take up this question with the Tamil population and the Sri Lankan population. Military action will create more complexities. The situation has taken a serious turn. There should be a political solution to the problem. Bloodshed and military action will not solve the problem. So, all these questions are coming up. And I feel a full-fledged discussion should take place in the House without any delay.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have now to rise. The proceedings will now be conducted by the hon. Deputy Chairman.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, there is no parallel to what India is doing in Sri Lanka. . .

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): May I with your permission make a submission. . .

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: What is that objection?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: No objection.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: We have taken permission from the Chairman. The Chairman has allowed. We have discussed with the Chairman and the Chairman has allowed.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The Chairman has allowed them to raise the issue.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: I want to make a submission before the hon. Members.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: They wanted to have a discussion but the Chairman said, "You can have a discussion later on, but if you want to raise it, you can raise it." I request the hon. Members not to go into the details but simply raise it.

SHRI VISHVJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH (Maharashtra): May I ask Mr. Upendra to yield for one minute only?

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: No, no. You speak after me. My thought will be broken.

Madam Deputy Chairman, I was telling that there is no parallel to what India is doing in Sri Lanka today. It is most shameful and reprehensible... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI BUTA SINGH: ... It is not a mention. It is a discussion. And we are willing to have a discussion. We are not opposed to it.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: What is this? The Minister is interrupting. Please allow me. You listen to what I am telling.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Madam, mention would have been that the issue has been raised. It has been already decided by the Chairman that a discussion. . .

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Madam, can he rise like that? I am not yielding...

SHRI BUTA SINGH: You must also have the other side of the picture. . .

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: You have already raised the objection. . .

SHRI BUTA SINGH: The Government will have no chance to reply. This is the handicap.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Madam Deputy Chairman, I am not going into the merits of the issue now.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You just make the mention of it.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: I am just telling briefly what we feel. Madam, my Party has opposed the Accord in the beginning itself. I am not going into that. But there is an urgency today because while the talks are going on here, dozens are being killed there; prominent leaders are the targets of the Indian Army there. I do not want to blame the Indian Army; as the Chairman has rightly said, they have been given a difficult task, a very embarrassing task and a very unpopular task. Therefore, I do not go into the Indian Army's actions as such, but I blame the Government of India who are taking the political decisions, for their foolishness and for the way India has been dragged into this affair in Sri Lanka and how we are bogged down there. Therefore, while the talks are going on, it is also necessary to convey the seriousness and the feelings of this House to those people who are there today. He is a dignitary. We do not want to embarrass him. And true to the Indian traditions we do not want to say anything against a visiting dignitary. But he should also know the intensity of the feelings of this House and the people of this country. Therefore, the Government must come forward with

[Shri Parvathaneni Upendra]

a statement today itself. We are prepared to discuss after the Private Member's Bill. It must be discussed today so that further damage, further killings are stopped in the next few days.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH (Rajasthan): Madam, I think, there is a need to put into focus the concern of the House and why we are agitated on the issue of Sri Lanka. I am not exaggerating and I do believe that I am not wrong when I say that for the first time since 1971 Indian Armed Forces are as near to a state of war as we have ever been. All the three services of the Indian Armed Forces are engaged in a state of undeclared war. I think, what is also exceptional and which has never happened in our Indian history is that the Indian Armed Forces are engaged on a foreign soil for a purpose which is not still clear to the rest of the nation. And it is because that purpose, it is because that national purpose, which the Indian Armed Forces are supposed to be subserving in Sri Lanka, because that purpose is not clear, therefore this House is agitated. There is yet another reason why this House is very agitated. Near about one thousand members of the Indian Armed Forces have been rendered as casualties, killed, dead and missing ever since hostilities started. I do believe that never before has there been such a high rate of casualties, ever, in the Indian Armed Forces, whether in 1948 or in 1962 or in 1965 or in the operations of 1971. If just these factors were the factors which we were to be agitated about, because of which this House were to stand up and say before taking up any other business, it is vital that the Parliament start discussing why one thousand Indian soldiers, sailors and airmen are today casualties, which great national purpose is being subserved by these deaths and those casualties, then there would be sufficient cause for you to respond. I would be heartless if I did not here mention that in addition to these casualties there are admittedly near about seven to eight hundred civilian casualities in Sri Lanka and it would be heartless not to mention that. And, I would, therefore like to make a distinction to my agitated members from Tamil Nadu, irrespective of their party affiliations, that the Indian Armed Forces are operating in Sri Lanka not as independent organs of State, but they are operating in Sri Lanka as an expression of the policy of the State. And it is this policy of State which has brought us to this present impasse in Sri Lanka, this bog of old ethnic divides wherein we do not know whose purpose we are serving. Now, if this is not a serious enough situation for the House to be seized of, and if this were not a serious enough matter for you to put aside everything else and insist upon the Government to come forward with a statement and assuage the feelings of all sections of the House, then what is? It is not for me to underline what the Chairman has just stated that this is not a Tamil cause, that this is not a Tamil issue, that it is an Indian issue and the Indian Armed Forces that are there are Indian Armed Forces that they are not going as an extension of expression of will of any one political faction or otherwise. I would, therefore while concluding like to insist that where as the future of this agreement, the Indo Sri Lankan Agreement, which now lies politically in tatters, could be a matter of some indifference; whereas whether the Prime Minister's personal prestige on this particular issue comes down or goes up could be a matter of partisan interest, I appeal to you that it is vital that we, all of us, collectively here, subscribe that Indian Army cannot fail in its task, because if Indian Army fails in its task, the nation fails in its task. The political fortunes of one individual or the other are a matter of total indifference to me. But nations cannot fail. Because if nations fail a whole people flounder. That is why it is vital that we discuss this matter not because of any partisan interest, and that is why I insist upon you, that you please listen to all these sentiments not as a pro-forma performance of a ritual but as a matter which is deeply troubling the very foundation of the federal union of India.

I appeal to you not to take this lightly, Madam. Thank you for giving me the opportunity.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): Madam Deputy Chairman, I associate myself with the feelings and views expressed by my colleagues on this important issue. I would not like to go into the merits of the question. I would like to say that we are caught or tropped in an extraordinary situation in Sri Lanka as a consequence of the accord signed between Shri Rajiv Gandhi and the President of Sri Lanka Shri Jayewardene. The accord is in shambles. Madam, the Indian Army is fighting our own kith and kin in a foreign soil. That causes great worry in our mind. Hundreds of people have died on either side and we do not know how the Government of India wants to go about on this matter.

One simple thing, and an important thing, has developed. LTTE and its leaders have agreed to ceasefire, whereas the Prime Minister has not agreed to the ceasefire. Why? I am unable to understand this. We are not waging a war, though it looks like a war. We have gone there for peace-keeping. If peace-keeping is important, then why not the Prime Minister and the Government agree for the ceasefire and why is the Prime Minister demanding surrender of arms before ceasefire? Do you expect that to happen? As a Government, we should agree to the ceasefire and negotiate with LTTE and we should seize up the offer and end this continuing tragedy in Sri Lanka.

Madam, I only want the Prime Minister to make a comprehensive statement about the situation because there are varying stories circulating. We do not know how many have died and what the situation there is. These differing stories disturb the minds and hearts of the millions of people in India. Therefore, I demand a statement by the Prime Minister and immediate discussion on the floor of the House.

Before I conclude, may I reiterate that there should be an immediate announcement of ceasefire on behalf of the Government of India and inviting the representatives of the LTTE for talks. They are not our enemies. They are our kith and kin. The matter should be settled between us and the members of the LTTE. May I, therefore, expect the Prime Minister to come out with a statement on this and other matters today so that the killings that are going on may be stopped.

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह (बिहार) : उपसभापति महोदया, आपको याद होगा श्रीलंका एग्रीमेंट के बारे में जिस दिन बहस हो रही थी उस दिन ही मैंने कहा था कि लंका एग्रीमेंट हमारे गले में हड्डी की तरह से फंस गया है। उसके जवाब में पाटिल साहब ने कहा था कि मुझको तो हड्डी नहीं दिखाई पड़ रही है गले में, राम अवधेश जी को दिखाई पड़ रही है। तो मैंने कहा था कि अगले 2-3 महीनों में आपको पता चलेगा कि गले में हड्डी किस तरह से फंसी है।

महोदया मैं समझ नहीं रहा हूं वहां पर 4 डिवीजन हमारी सेना क्यों गयी। 3 करोड़ रुपया प्रतिदिन खर्च हो रहा है, इतना खर्च तो कभी चीन, पाकिस्तान और बांगलादेश में भी नहीं हुआ था।

हमको मिलेगा क्या ? फर्ज कर लीजिए कि अगर हम जीत गये... (व्यवधान)

उपसभापति : मैं माननीय सदस्यों से विनती करना चाहती हूं कि एक बजे लंच ब्रेक होने वाला है क्योंकि यह नान आफिशल डे है।

तो आपने जैसा चेयरमैन साहब को प्रामिस किया था, आप दो मिनट के अन्दर समाप्त करें क्योंकि अभी पांच छह आनरेबल मेम्बरान को बोलना है।

श्री राम अवधेश सिंह : मैं दो मिनट में ही कहता हूं। इसलिए इस सरकार को कुछ नहीं मिलेगा। प्रधान मंत्री ने व्यक्तिगत प्रतिष्ठा दांव पर लगा दी है और उनको ऐसा करने का हक नहीं था क्योंकि ऐसा करने से देश को कुछ मिलने वाला नहीं है। तमिल संख्या भी हमारे खिलाफ है और सिंहली भी खिलाफ हैं।

[श्री राम अवधेश सिंह]

तो मैं यह कहना चाहता हूं कि शाम तक इमिजेट सीज फायर करके प्रधान मंत्री हाऊस में आवें और हमको बयान दें—सीज-फायर करने के बाद हाऊस में आकर बयान दें, अन्यथा कोई चारा नहीं है।

मैं यही मांग करता हूं कि तत्काल सीज-फायर किया जाए और तब स्टेटमेंट दिया जाए। अगर सीज-फायर नहीं करेंगे, तो उससे उनको कोई लाभ नहीं होगा।

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Madam Deputy Chairman, our only anxiety was to have the whole issue with all its ramifications discussed immediately. Madam, the whole country, besides Parliament, is exercised over the developments in Sri Lanka. But when Parliament is meeting today, it is not being given an opportunity to discuss the issue. We do not know what is the Government's position, what is the stand of the Government. The Prime Minister was here. He left. The Home Minister was here. He also left. We would like to know whether a statement is going to be made and whether discussion is going to take place today or not.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This was not the point when you raised the issue with the Chairman, when you talked to the Chairman this morning. (*Interruption*).

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, I agree that is an important issue. Government is aware of the feelings of the Members. I am making efforts to find out at what time the statement could be made. Government is prepared to come out with a statement on Sri Lanka but the time has to be fixed. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: It should be today. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I will have to find out.

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: This issue should be discussed today suspending all other Business.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Whatever Mr. Gopalsamy says will not go on record.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:**

SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: The statement should be made today, after declaring a ceasefire.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Will you please sit down?

SHRI M. M. JACOB: I understand the anxiety of the hon. Members. The Sri Lankan President is here today and I think the matter will certainly be discussed there.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam, when the List of Business was prepared, care has not been taken to keep this issue on the Agenda so that we could have started the discussion immediately after the felicitations were over. This was not done. At least now you can say whether the Government is going to make a statement today and give us an opportunity to discuss the matter.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: When you met the hon. Chairman in the morning, he allowed you to raise the issue but it was not agreed to that the whole issue will be discussed and the Government will reply. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: We have been allowed to raise the issue and we would like to know whether a discussion is going to take place or not.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: At that time, when you met the hon. Chairman, you did not say that you wanted the Government to reply to your poins. Now, you are going back on your words. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: We have raised the issue to have it discussed also, not merely to raise it. (*Interruptions*).

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*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

**Not recorded.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Will you pleased sit down? I am on my legs. If it is to be discussed, are you satisfied with two minutes for each Member? Now, every Member has spoken for two or three minutes just to raise the issue. It was not agreed to that a full-scale discussion will take place today. (*Interruptions*) That is why Members have spoken just to raise the matter and not from the point of view of having a full 1.00 P.M. discussion. (*Interruptions*) Why don't you listen to me? I am clarifying the whole issue. The Chairman said that he would allow you to raise the issue but the discussions would take place later. Now, I do not know... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: We wanted to ask the Government to come out with the statement.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: That was not the understanding. The Government side must come out with the reply whether we are going to make any statement, whether the discussion is going to take place today or not. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: If that was the position, it would have come on the agenda as a regular item, but it has not come on the agenda as a regular item. (*Interruptions*). Please, do not try to mix up the issue.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: If that is the position, in protest we walk out.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: We condemn this Government. (*Interruptions*)*.

(*At this stage some hon. Members left the Chamber*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: The House stands adjourned for lunch and will meet again at 2.30 P.M.

The House then adjourned for lunch at one minute past one of the clock.

*Expunged as ordered by the chair.

The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-two minutes past two of the clock

The Vice-Chairman (Shri H. Hanumanthapa) in the Chair

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): First the Bills for introduction.

THE AGRICULTURE YORKERS BILL 1987

SHRI CHITTA BASU (West Bengal): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the welfare of agricultural workers and to regulate their employment and conditions of service and for matters connected therewith.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI CHITTA BASU: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE SATI ABOLITION BILL, 1987

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the abolition of the practice of Sati and matters incidental thereto.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE DECLARATION AND PUBLICATION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT BILL, 1987—Contd.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H HANUMANTHAPPA): Further consideration of the Bill moved by Shri Satya Prakash Malaviya. Dr. Vijaya Mohan Reddy to continue his speech.

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I wholeheartedly